

# HERCULES NEWS

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HERCULES, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL., JULY 21, 1904.

No. 5.

## COUNTY OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

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|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Superior Judge.....            | Wm. S. Wells   |
| County Clerk.....              | J. E. Rodgers  |
| County Recorder.....           | A. E. Dunkel   |
| County Auditor.....            | A. J. Soto     |
| Sheriff.....                   | R. R. Veale    |
| Tax Collector.....             | H. C. Raap     |
| District Attorney.....         | H. V. Alvarado |
| Treasurer.....                 | Geo. Wiley     |
| Assessor.....                  | Henry T. Jones |
| Public Administrator.....      | M. H. Hurley   |
| Coroner.....                   | H. J. Curry    |
| County Surveyor.....           | Elam Brown     |
| Superintendent of Schools..... | A. A. Bailey   |
| County Physician.....          | E. E. Brown    |
| Supt. County Hospital.....     | M. M. Taggart  |

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

|                                                |                           |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Regular meetings, first Monday of every month. |                           |
| First District.....                            | P. Tormey, Rodeo          |
| Second District.....                           | J. M. Stowe, Walnut Creek |
| Third District.....                            | E. J. Randall, Concord    |
| Fourth District.....                           | P. DeMartini, Clayton     |
| Fifth District.....                            | J. D. Wightman, Lone Tree |

## TOWN OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

|                                                 |  |
|-------------------------------------------------|--|
| John Bermingham, Jr., M. Murray, B. W. Stevens, |  |
| A. McDonald, W. A. Ray.                         |  |

### TOWN OFFICERS.

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| H. McCullough.....   | Marshal   |
| Sam. Bermingham..... | Treasurer |
| S. S. McKinley.....  | Recorder  |
| L. E. Hart.....      | Clerk     |

## POST OFFICE DIRECTORY.

Office open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m.  
Sundays from 7:30 to 10 a. m., and from  
3 to 6 p. m.  
The San Francisco mails arrive at 8:12  
a. m. and 5:20 p. m.  
Mails close for San Francisco, etc., at  
8 a. m., 10:00 a. m. and 4:50 p. m. For  
Benicia, etc., 8 a. m.

## RAILROAD TIME TABLE

(In Effect May 19, 1904.)

### COMING WEST.

Leave Pinole—San Ramon Passenger  
8:10 a. m., Martinez Local 9:55 a. m.,  
Sacramento Passenger, 6:00 p. m., Mar-  
tinez Passenger, 5:34 p. m.  
Arrive in S. F.—9:25 a. m., 11:25 a. m.,  
7:25 p. m. 6:35 p. m.  
Bakersfield passenger stops every day.  
Leaves Pinole at 3:38 p. m. and arrives in  
San Francisco at 4:55. Stops at Giant.

### GOING EAST.

Leave San Francisco—Sacramento Pas-  
senger 7 a. m. Martinez Local 9:30 a. m.  
Sacramento Local 3:30 p. m. Martinez  
Passenger 7:00 p. m.  
Arrive at Pinole 8:12 a. m. 10:40 a. m.  
4:41 p. m. 8:10 p. m.

### SANTA FE

(In Effect May 19, 1904.)

### GOING WEST.

Trains leave for Oakland and San Fran-  
cisco as follows:  
No. 5, 7:40 a. m., No. 41, 9:56 a. m.; No.  
7, 5:05 p. m.  
Arrive at Oakland 8:27 a. m., 10:35  
a. m. and 5:55 p. m.

### GOING EAST

Trains leave Oakland as follows:  
No. 50, 7:30 a. m., No. 54, 4:30 p. m.,  
No. 56, 8 p. m.  
Arrive at Pinole 8:34 a. m., 5:11 p. m.  
9 15 p. m.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Rice returned from a visit to San Francisco Saturday.

J. Bermingham, Jr., visited the county seat on business Saturday.

Ask the Misses. Ellerhorst what became of the photo, the "missing link."

The supper at the Rodeo dance was appreciated. Everybody was hungry.

Willfred Minugh of Oakland came up to Hercules Thursday on a visit to his brother "Doc."

Hercules was well represented at the Rodeo dance last Saturday night. All had a jolly time.

Leo. Castro is ready to wrestle any man in the county, at any weight or height. Nobody barred.

Messrs. Stevens and Davenport were taking photos of the ball game and home team on Sunday.

An awning now obstructs the view of the laboratory. Two bad Joe, wait for cooler weather.

Mrs. John Bermingham is planning another hay ride to take place in the near future. All are invited.

Arch. Pawsey has challenged Plitch in the preliminaries in the Wolf-Herbert fight to take place next month.

Dr. Rees, chemist for the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Powder Co. is the guest of Superintendent Bermingham at Hercules.

By placing the number of your room on your laundry bundles you can have the Richmond Laundry deliver your work for you.

Dan O'Connell hired a rig to attend the dance at Rodeo last Saturday night and the Supervisors have since been after him for a retail license.

Sam Bermingham, Assistant Superintendent of the California Powder Works, is rusticated at the Rodeo dam, and will be absent two weeks. So he says.

Mr. W. B. Bahn is now driver for the Richmond Union Laundry at Hercules. He has been in the employ of this laundry for the past seven years and is thoroughly reliable.

Frank Moore and Kincannon went to Rodeo dam the first of the week and returned with nine fine black bass. Kincannon has the fishing fever so bad that he was caught fishing in the tanks at the nitric acid works.

A pocket-book containing \$40 was lost last Saturday night between Lehman's store in Pinole and the watchman's gate at Hercules. The finder will please return the same to Louis Balliet at Hercules and receive reward.

Dr. Rees, directing chemist of the Eastern laboratory accompanied by J. Bermingham, Jr., visited the Selby Smelting and lead Co's. works Monday afternoon. The doctor found an old acquaintance employed there and lifted a \$2,500 gold brick just to say he had.

Brer Ebsen, the scribe on the Pinole Times, at our sister town, was in Oakland Saturday on business pertaining to the telephone. How's all the girls, Ed?

One of the Cartridge Factory boys it is rumored, left his heart up to Rodeo. He monopolized all of the dances of one young lady, much to the discomfort of some of the other boys. Give the rest a show Turkey.

An engagement ring was very conspicuous on the finger of one of Rodeo's belle's at the dance last Saturday evening. The young lady denied the significance of the fact, but the color of her cheeks told the story better than her words. The gentleman is employed at the California Powder Works.

On Thursday evening the shook factory crematory flume caught fire while the Hercules baseball team were engaged at the park in a practice game. An impromptu fire brigade was at once organized with Ed. Ross chief and Pe-wee Miller as nozzleman, and the way that fire was "put out on the fly" was characteristic of the Hercules team with this season's opponents.

It has been a great wonder to us that the magnificent baseball games at Hercules have been so poorly attended of late. Manager Ross is putting up games that are seldom if ever witnessed outside of the professional diamond, and in some instances even better ball than can be witnessed there. The games of the past two weeks surely have been wonders, and yet the public do not turn out in sufficient numbers to even encourage the players. The game next Sunday between the Hercules and Brooklyn of Oakland will be a close one and every seat on the grounds should be taken.

## HE CHANGED THE CLOCK.

Frank McGlinchy went to the dance at Rodeo, and returning home at 6:10 a. m. he set his alarm clock for 12:15 and stretched himself out for a Sunday snooze. But that bad boy, Willie Miller slipped into Frank's room and resetting the clock for 7, awaited developments. The alarm went and Miller rushing into the room roused up the weary gent. who had scarcely closed his eyes, assuring him that it was past noon and that he would miss his dinner. Frank rushed to the dining room in a half awake state, but the familiar voice of the Chinese waiter with "bleef steak" "mulotton chops" "hiam and eggs" didn't look good for a Sunday dinner, and at this stage of the game he realized that he had been made the dupe of a designing villain, as it was 7:30 and breakfast time. Never mind, "Mc" when you take up your abode in "a cottage by the sea" you will be safe from the practical jokes of these bad boys.

Efforts are being made to have the S. P. Company put on the late train on Saturday and Sunday nights as heretofore. This train formerly left the city at 11:25 p. m., arriving at Pinole at 12:25 on the two evenings named.

## INVENTIVE GENIUS.

John the Boar who holds forth at the Ice plant at the California Powder Works, is a man of more than ordinary scientific ability, and his active brain is constantly at work devising new schemes for the enlightenment of humanity. Such achievements as perpetual motion, squaring a circle, and like difficulties are as nothing to John, who's untiring efforts knows no such thing as fail. He is at present engaged in the building of a picture frame that will contain over 5,000 pieces of wood, a mile of lumber in all, and which will be completed by the end of the next century. John is a great lover of blue rock shooting, and after considerable thought on the subject has nearly perfected an idea which will skin Jack Hall, Billy Hanson, Sylvester, Bermingham, Moore, Kincannon and the rest of those shooters to death. The device consists of a bell mouth double rotary diagonal rifled cylinder which will attach to the muzzle of any gun, fitted with an automatic scattering range finder with a magnifying power equal to 7,000 millimeters to the square inch or a radius covering capacity of ten miles to the second, Greenwich standard time. This cylinder will be carefully loaded with potatoes from the boarding house, hot air from the club rooms, a double dose of Dr. Watts' epsom salts from the laboratory, when it will be ready for business. John says "that it will be impossible to miss," and we are of the same opinion.

## RODEO NEWS.

Mike Delmonte returned last week from Adams Springs.

Ed. and Arthur Tormey of Oakland were in Rodeo Sunday visiting friends.

A barbecue was held at Rodeo Sunday in honor of the birthday of Tom Higuera.

Arch Jeffry, Chas. Cole and Ed. Jeffry of San Francisco were up last Sunday shooting blue rocks.

Gus Koppen was in San Francisco on Tuesday.

Joe Vallejo and Henry Christian were down from Martinez Sunday and furnished the music for the Higuera barbecue.

Chas. Catt returned Saturday from a week's visit to Oakland.

Jerry Mahoney, Rodeo's Mayor, has done nothing in his official capacity during the past week worthy of mention. Stir up, Jerry, and make some news.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lamont and son of San Francisco were at Rodeo Sunday in attendance at the Higuera Barbecue.

Mrs. Graham of San Francisco was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Higuera last Sunday.

A warm game of baseball was played at Vacaville last Sunday between Suisun and the team of that place. Brocovich and Boradora played with Suisuns, but could not pull them through on the winning end, the score being 5 to 2 in favor of the Vacaville's.



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## Republican Ticket

FOR PRESIDENT,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS.

THE Republican County Committee met in Martinez Saturday last. It was decided to hold open primaries for the election of delegates to the State and Senatorial conventions some time next month.

This means that every candidate will have a fair show and no favorites will be played.

While it is natural that the Republican governing body of the county desires a nominee from Contra Costa, they want to be perfectly fair in the matter. The Republican County Central Committee of Marin on the other hand are not disposed to act in a like manner, for they openly endorsed Mr. Martinelli for State Senator, since the Marin County Republican papers are telling why Martinelli should be nominated and the reasons that Contra Costa should not insist on nominating a candidate. From their point of view they are correct in their desire to elect a Senator from Marin, but we fail to see any reason why Contra Costa should accede to the wishes of Marin until that county has showed a disposition to recognize the desires of this county by giving its candidate a majority. Then, and not till then, should they expect such a favor at the hands of our people. Let them give our candidate, a handsome majority next November and when the next election rolls around Contra Costa will gladly support one of Marin's sons. Should Martinelli desire to be a successful candidate in Contra Costa we would advise him to drop his present political advisers in Martinez, as their influence with the party counts for naught and they are but seeking the chance to throw him down as they have done before with other aspirants.

A. REPUBLICAN.

Frank Bennett the local Pinole amateur knocked out Pete the barber in the second round. The barber is now laid up for repairs and wants another chance which will be given in the preliminaries of the Teddy Wolf-Herbert match next month at Pinole.

Fishing parties to Rodeo Dam are quite popular during the open season for black bass. They are all night affairs and are great appetisers judging from the deprecations made on Riley's potato patch.

Olivia Gill and Ruth Grossmayer returned today to Oakland after spending two weeks at the Abbott ranch at Pinole.

Holder of coupons to the last boxing contest held at Pinole will receive tickets to the Teddy Wolf-Herbert bout which comes off some time next month.

## NOTICE TO VOTERS.

Every person entitled thereto must register during the year 1904 forty days before election in the precinct in which he may desire to vote. The registration for the general election in November next closes September 28th. Make application for registration to J. E. Rodgers, County Clerk, or A. M. Ashenfelter, Deputy County Clerk for the town of Hercules, Contra Costa County, Cal.

## NOTICE TO OWNERS OF DOGS.

All dog licenses expire June 30, 1904. Notice is hereby given to renew licenses at one. Same can be obtained at the storehouse.

HENRY MCCULLOUGH,  
Town Marshal.

## Sat In the Chair He Will Die In.

"Dutch" Fisher, the condemned murderer from Toledo, sentenced to die July 7, was the subject of a mock execution in the penitentiary at Columbus the other day. At his own request Fisher was taken to the death chair. The clamps were adjusted, the straps tightened and the black cap slipped over his face. He laughed as the cap was taken off. "I'm not afraid of it," he said. "I just wanted to see how it felt. One is certainly locked in tightly." He walked back to the death cell as if he had forgotten how fatally his next "sitting" would result.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## What Target Practice Costs.

Cash prizes are offered by the navy department for the best records, and to meet this expense congress appropriates about \$200,000 yearly. England appropriates \$26,000 for prizes, and in 1900 Germany's budget included an item of \$482,000 for ammunition in target practice.—World's Work.

## On the Diamond.



The game was the best yet, but the attendance was poor. We can't understand why so many of the Hercules and Pinole people hate to separate themselves from a quarter when Manager Ross is furnishing such a fine quality of base ball.

Smith was there again with his timely ball and fourteen of the Allens bit the dust. He only allowed five hits and kept these well scattered.

Talk about your Garrison finishes. Wasn't it exciting?

A great many thought that Hercules would lose, but they didn't.

Some of the boys give up too soon. a game is never lost until the end of the ninth inning.

Keiffer was responsible for the Allen's runs.

Steffen's fine work at the bat was a big help. You always know Steffen is in the game.

Ralph is always to be depended upon when it comes to a pinch. His "lay down" was a peach and was as good as a home run.

First baseman Sheehan was a little off Sunday, but anybody is liable to have an off day.

Second baseman Hanrahan played a good steady game.

Billy Miller was there with the attenuated voice. He rattled "Pat" some and caught a nice fly. A little quicker on the feet Miller and you'll be all right for money.

Dan was right there with the big hit where it counted.

Lawrence has at last struck a batting streak. Keep it up.

The voice of Duke was missed from the rooter's bench.

No bets were made although there was lots of Hercules money around.

Following is the score:

| Hercules            | AB. | R. | BH. | PO. | A. | E. |
|---------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Sheehan, 1st b..... | 5   | 1  | 1   | 10  | 0  | 2  |
| Robison, s.....     | 3   | 0  | 1   | 0   | 3  | 0  |
| Keiffer, lf.....    | 3   | 1  | 1   | 0   | 0  | 1  |
| Hanrahan, 2d b..... | 4   | 0  | 1   | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| Steffen, c.....     | 4   | 1  | 2   | 14  | 1  | 1  |
| O'Connell, cf.....  | 3   | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| Smith, p.....       | 4   | 1  | 3   | 0   | 2  | 1  |
| Lawrence, 3d b..... | 4   | 1  | 1   | 0   | 1  | 0  |
| Miller, r f.....    | 4   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  |
| Totals.....         | 34  | 5  | 10  | 26* | 8  | 5  |

| W. B. Allens          | AB. | R. | BH. | PO. | A. | E. |
|-----------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Ganzo, c.....         | 4   | 0  | 2   | 5   | 2  | 0  |
| Engleberg r f.....    | 3   | 1  | 0   | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| Boyle, 2d b.....      | 5   | 1  | 0   | 3   | 2  | 1  |
| C. McQuade 1st b..... | 4   | 0  | 0   | 8   | 0  | 1  |
| Rothey, c f.....      | 4   | 1  | 1   | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| W. Moran, s.....      | 2   | 1  | 0   | 3   | 1  | 1  |
| Lahey, lf.....        | 3   | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0  | 1  |
| J. Moran, 3d b.....   | 4   | 0  | 0   | 1   | 4  | 0  |
| P. McQuade, p.....    | 4   | 0  | 0   | 0   | 2  | 0  |
| Totals.....           | 33  | 4  | 3   | 23  | 11 | 4  |

## Runs and hits by innings—

|               | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9    |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| Hercules..... | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5    |
| Hits.....     | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2-10 |
| Allens.....   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-4  |
| Hits.....     | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-3  |

Stolen bases—Engleberg, Shehan, Keiffer, Smith. Passed balls, Steffen 3, Ganzo, 1. Bases on balls off Smith, 5. Struck out by McQuade 4, by Smith, 14. Two base hits, Steffen 2, Robison, Sheehan. Sacrificed hits, Hobison 2, Keiffer 1, O'Connell 1. \*Ganzo out hit by batted ball, \*O'Connell. \*No one out when

winning run was scored. Time of game 1 hour and 45 minutes. Umpire Sween-son, Scorer Ingersoll.

The following is the line-up for next Sunday's game:

| Hercules.....  | Position..... | Brooklyn's   |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Sheehan.....   | 1 b.....      | Sherux       |
| Hanrahan.....  | 2 b.....      | Trebell      |
| Lawrence.....  | 3 b.....      | C. Pingree   |
| Robinson.....  | s.....        | H. McKown    |
| O'Connell..... | c f.....      | F. Pingree   |
| Keiffer.....   | lf.....       | Riggs        |
| Miller.....    | rf.....       | H. O'Banion  |
| Steffen.....   | c.....        | Estedillo    |
| Smith.....     | p.....        | L. O. Banion |

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Hercules met in regular adjourned session last Monday evening. Present, M. Murray, President, Trustees Bermingham, Ray, Stevens, and Clerk Hart. Absent Trustee McDonald.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion it was ordered that Geo. Pfeiffer be granted ninety days further time on contract to lay sidewalk.

A petition for the annexation of territory to the Town of Hercules was presented and read, and on motion it was ordered that a publication of a notice calling for a special election to be held on the 25th of August be made in the HERCULES NEWS a newspaper published in the Town of Hercules and in the Pinole Times for five consecutive issues as required by law.

The following claims were allowed and ordered paid: Moise Klinkner, license tags, \$2.00; J. T. Silva, hauling, \$93; Pinole E. L. & Power Co., street lights, \$30; L. E. Hart, salary, \$25; H. McCullough, salary, \$10.

The Board adjourned to Monday, August 15th

## WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW.

Why Pe-Wee Miller Swore off dancing?

What Young Houch thought of the call down at the Rodeo dance, and if he is wise enough to take the hint?

Why Al. Barton is not in the Pinole Band?

Why our old friend Jimmie brings bouquets to his friends now?

Why Charlie Chequette carries that smile. Did the Sunday trip to 'Frisco cause it?

What takes Howie to 'Frisco Sundays instead of the county seat? Oh! my.

Why Alex Horn left his dough in the trunk, and if he will leave it there any more?

If Davenport will get stuck on another tramp printer's good looks?

Why Bill Murray does not return Jack Ban's leggins? Guess Billy needs them.

Why Healey goes to Redville and why he gets shaved so often?

## QUERY.

The former Pinole S. P. blockman was noticed in the front ranks of the rooters at the Vacaville-Suisun baseball game last Sunday. He did some rooting, too. Lester says that nothing is too good for Suisun.



## MARTINEZ NOTES.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

H. M. Stout, manager of the Peyton Chemical Works, Mrs. Stout and their son Howard, left for Chicago Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. O. Sherburne of Danville was the guest of Mrs. Milnes last week.

Senator C. M. Belshaw was in town Monday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McKenzie on the 16th inst.

Miss Bell Sydnor of Oakland is the guest of Miss Lottie McMahon.

Mrs. Louisa Small, one of the oldest residents of Martinez, passed away at her home on Saturday afternoon, July 18th. The funeral was held from the Congregational Church on Monday, and the remains were interred in the Alhambra Cemetery.

Mrs. T. A. McMahon, Mrs. H. C. Raap and Mrs. Tyler have gone to Pacific Grove to spend two weeks.

Mrs. James Winslow of Alhambra Valley was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital last week.

Auditor A. J. Soto and family and Wm. Wells, Jr. started on Thursday for a camping trip on Mt. Diablo, where they expect to remain until the 1st of August.

Miss Gladys Tennent of Oakland was in Martinez on Monday of last week having driven up from Orinda Park.

Mrs. Wm. S. Wells and daughter of Oakland were visitors at the home of A. J. Soto, the first of last week.

Mr. Ed. Randall of Ignacio Valley was in town on Monday of last week.

Miss Lottie McMahon, Miss Elsa Upham and Geo. Upham have returned from Mitchell Canyon where they have been camping for the past month.

Miss Angie Webster returned last week from the Santa Cruz Mountains and has gone to Oakland to spend the remainder of her vacation.

Geo. H. Shafer of Brentwood was in town on Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Leander Silvester, of San Francisco, were guests at the home of Mrs. M. W. Hiller on Sunday.

Mrs. E. Pasch visited Vallejo on Friday of last week.

Mrs. Stewart and Miss Lizzie Stewart returned from their Eastern trip last Thursday.

A. M. Phalin of Point Richmond was transacting business at the Court House last Thursday.

Mrs. J. E. Rodgers and daughter were visiting relatives in Benicia last Saturday.

Harry Griffing of Oakland was in Martinez the first of the week.

Last week Chas. Ertz, who is at the head of the Bull's Head Oil Works, paid Mrs. B. Woolbert \$45,000 the balance due on the Bull's Head Point property, and then sold fifty-five acres to the Iron Mountain Copper Co., of Keswick who will erect a large smelter on the point, employing about five hundred men. This is a great thing for Martinez and the future looks very bright for our town.

R. G. Maresco, an Italian, was struck by a train and instantly killed near Selby on Saturday, while returning from work.

## To Tell if a Man Shaves Himself.

"I can tell in a minute simply by looking at a man whether he shaves himself or is shaved by a barber," said the wielder of the razor and brush. "No, it isn't a question of cleanliness nor yet a question of hacking the face. There is no reason why a man who is accustomed to shaving himself shouldn't make as clean a job of it as the average barber. And yet I can spot him every time. See that little lock of hair that grows down the side of the face just in front of the ear? Well, when a man is shaved by a barber those two locks don't vary in length more than a sixteenth of an inch. The man who shaves himself, on the other hand, is invariably lop-sided. He always begins to shave higher up on the left side of the face than on the right side, as a consequence of which one side of the face looks longer than the other. No, I don't know that I can explain this phenomenon. I only know that the condition exists."—Philadelphia Record.

## Died of Superstition.

Princess Likelike, daughter of Kapaakea and mother of Princess Kaiulani, died on Feb. 3, 1887. She had not been seriously ill, but a lava flow from the great volcano Kilauea, in Hawaii, which occurred a few days before her death was to her mind a sure sign that a chieftainess was required by the goddess Pele, that heartless old deity suggested to the children of nature in the ages of volcanic terrors. So firm were Likelike's convictions that the wrath of the furious Pele had to be appeased by her death that she lost heart and never rallied. The night before her death there was a halo around the moon, and when she saw it she abandoned all hope and speedily died. A few years afterward Likihiku heard that he was being prayed to death by an enemy, aided by a sorcerer, a deadly method of warfare, so he simply lay down and died of despair.

## He Almost Succeeded.

In a magazine article on Max von Pettenkofer, who has been called the founder of scientific hygiene and next to Humboldt the most popular of all German naturalists, Max Gruber tells a story of the professor's absentmindedness. He lost a fortune in umbrellas, seldom bringing back what he had taken away. Once, however, he made a trip as far as England and was very proud of having actually succeeded in bringing back his umbrella to Germany. At Augsburg he stopped on business, but sent a telegram reading, "At 6 o'clock I return with my umbrella." He did return at 6 o'clock, but as he entered his house in Munich he saw to his dismay that he had no umbrella. He had left it at the telegraph station.

## Sea Serpents.

Sea serpents date back to the days of Aristotle, who wrote: "The serpents of Libya are of enormous size. Navigators along the coast report having seen a great quantity of bones of oxen, which they believe without doubt to have been devoured by the serpents. These serpents pursued them (the seamen) when they left the shore and upset one of their triremes."

Glaus Magnus wrote in the middle ages of a sea serpent 200 feet long and 20 feet thick which haunted rocks and caves near the seacoast, the old writer adding, "And he puts up his head on high like a pillar and catcheth away men, and he devours them."

## Notice of Election For the Annexation of Territory to the Town of Hercules.

In pursuance of an order of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hercules, County of Contra Costa, State of California, duly made at a regular meeting of said Board held on Monday, the 18th day of July, 1904, notice is hereby given that an election will be held on

### Thursday the 25th day of August,

1904, from six o'clock of the morning of the said day of election until five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, when the polls will be closed, within the corporate limits of the Town of Hercules, County of Contra Costa, State of California, and within the boundaries of the territory proposed to be annexed to said Town of Hercules, and hereinafter particularly described, at which said election the question will be submitted to the electors of said Town of Hercules and to the electors residing in the said territory proposed to be annexed to said Town of Hercules, whether said territory shall be annexed to said Town of Hercules and become a part thereof.

The proposition to be submitted to the said electors is whether or not the territory hereinafter particularly described shall be annexed to the said Town of Hercules and become a part thereof.

The boundaries of the territory proposed to be annexed are specifically designated and particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Bay of San Pablo at the most westerly corner of State Tide Land Location No. 215, Contra Costa County, California, from which point the most westerly point of Tide Land Survey No. 47, Contra Costa County, bears south 53° east 16.90 chains, at the common corner of the towns of Hercules and Pinole; thence north along the western boundary line of the Town of Hercules to the northern boundary line of the County of Contra Costa; thence following said boundary line in a westerly direction to its intersection with the eastern boundary line of the town of Pinole; thence following the eastern boundary line of the town of Pinole south 62° east to the point of beginning.

Also, beginning at the most southerly corner of the tract of land purchased by the California Powder Works from Kate T. Cousins by deed dated July 9th, 1900, and recorded in Vol. 86 of Deeds at page 100, records of Contra Costa County, said point of beginning being the northwest corner of Division 3 as allotted to Kate T. Cousins, according to the map of the estates of Rafaela M. de and Samuel J. Tennent, as surveyed and divided by J. Foster and T. A. McMahon in September, 1888, and now on file in the office of the County Recorder of said Contra Costa County, at a point on the eastern boundary line of the town of Pinole; thence south 32° east along the dividing line between lands of B. Fernandez and California Powder Works, and along the eastern boundary line of the town of Pinole 20.13 chains to the northern boundary line of the right of way of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company; thence following said northern boundary line of said right of way of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company and northern boundary line of the town of Pinole in a northeasterly direction to its intersection with the western boundary line of the Town of Hercules, thence following the western boundary line of the Town of Hercules north 36° east 1.63 chains to station in center of road; thence north 41° west along the western boundary line of the Town of Hercules 36.38 chains to station at the northwest corner of the 31.20 acres of land purchased by the California Powder Works from Kate T. Cousins by deed dated March 2d, 1900, and recorded in Volume 84 of Deeds at page 212, records of Contra Costa County; thence south 36° west along boundary line of the Town of Hercules 20.26 chains to the point of beginning.

Also; beginning at the most easterly corner of the Town of Hercules at the corner of lands of B. Fernandez and the California Powder Works, at the southeast corner of the tract of land purchased by the California Powder Works from Kate T. Cousins et al. by deed dated September 8th, 1888, and recorded in Volume 54 of Deeds, at page 200, records of Contra Costa County; thence south 87° east along the dividing line between lands of B. Fernandez and the California Powder Works 7.77 chains to station in county road; thence south 7° west along eastern boundary line of county road leading from Pinole to Rodeo 4.62 chains to station at corner of lands of J. Fassler and California Powder Works; thence south 55° east along the dividing line between lands of J. Fassler and California Powder Works 83 links to station post "T. E." on eastern boundary line of Division No. 1, according to map of the estates of Rafaela M. de and Samuel J. Tennent in the Rancho El Pinole, as surveyed and divided by J. Foster and T. A. McMahon in September, 1888, and now on file in the County Recorder's office of Contra Costa County; thence south 11° 50' east 15.83 chains to station on the northern boundary line of the right of way of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company; thence in a southerly and westerly direction along the northern boundary line of right of way of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company to its intersection with the eastern boundary line of the Town of Hercules and eastern boundary line of Division No. 2, allotted to Annie T. Burns, according to map of the estates of Rafaela M. de and Samuel J. Tennent, as surveyed and divided by J. Foster and T. A. McMahon in September, 1888, and now on file in the County Recorder's office of Contra Costa County; thence north 20° west along eastern boundary line of the Town of Hercules 9.52 chains to station; thence north 28° east 12.49 chains to station in center of old road; thence north 70° east along center of old road 2.58 chains to the point of beginning.

All in the County of Contra Costa, State of California.

The electors of the said Town of Hercules and the electors residing in the territory hereinabove described are hereby invited to vote upon the proposition whether or not the territory hereinabove described shall be annexed to said Town of Hercules and become a part thereof by placing upon their ballots the words "For Annexation" or "Against Annexation."

And the said Board of Trustees have appointed Jno. R. Box, W. Hanson, Edward Ross, W. Murray, Chas. Chaquette and Jos. Krantz as Inspectors,

Jos. S. Marx, Joe Newfield, C. B. Rector, R. Murphy, C. Sylvester, and W. S. Minugh, as Judges, L. P. Evans, R. K. Smith, H. Friedlander, R. Bobison, W. H. Baker, and C. Miller, as Clerks, W. H. Talbot, J. Manning, Geo. Shepard, Fred Theis, L. McQuesten and Pat McKenna as ballot Clerks of said election, and designated the residence of Thos. Snyder and the barn of residence No. 3 Park street, as the places at which the polls will be opened in said territory, there being no place or places therein usually used for the purpose of opening the polls.

The said election will be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the State of California.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hercules.

[Seal.] L. E. HART, Clerk.  
Town of Hercules, County of Contra Costa, State of California.

Dated July 18th, 1904.

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## ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Mrs. A. Donaldson is on the sick list. Mrs. Keating has been seriously indisposed this week.

H. Yager was confined to his room last week with lumbago.

Mrs. J. Duarte of Vacaville spent a few days with Mrs. Hamilton.

Mrs. Kendall's brother Amiel, of Mission San Jose, is visiting with her.

Mrs. M. W. Donaldson and children are visiting with relatives in Stockton.

The public schools of Pinole will open on Monday August 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kendall went fishing last Sunday. They got a bite—at home.

Ernest McDonald spent Sunday at San Leandro. His visits to Alameda County are getting quite frequent.

Mrs. M. E. Merritt and daughter Jessie returned Saturday evening from a two week's visit to Santa Cruz. They had a delightful time.

Henry Boyson, who has been spending a few week's vacation in Seattle, returned home Thursday. He enjoyed the ocean trip greatly.

Martin Kearney of Pinole wishes to inform the public that he is the only man in town that can make a new shoe out of an old one. Give him a trial and be convinced.

Joe Herbert and Adam Mute will meet in the roped arena on Saturday evening the 23d instat in Rodeo Hall. Lovers of the sport will please take notice.

If you want to use that great American privilege, the ballot, you will have to enter your name on the Great Register. A notice in another column states the time and place to register.

If all the young men that attend the ball games would follow Charlie Chaquette's example and bring their girls, the grand stand would not look quite so empty. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

The Women of Woodcraft installed officers Monday evening. Mrs. Christian acted as installing officer, and refreshments were served. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a ball in the near future.

Wm. H. Buckley is visiting his eldest son J. H. Buckley this week in Pinole. Mr. Buckley is a pioneer, coming from New York in '49 by way of the Isthmus. He made the trip twice, bringing a bride with him the second time. He was one of the first white settlers in Alameda county and has resided 46 years in this county. He has always taken an active part in politics. His brother-in-law, Capt. Forratt has been in charge of the Sacramento mail boats for 54 years.



## HERCULES NEWS.

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## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Marconi Wireless Cable to Hercules News from our  
Special War Correspondent.

CHEMELPOOBAH, July 21 '04.—  
Owing to the bursting of seventeen barrels of laughing gas which had been smuggled in by some disreputable cur in an endeavor to create a smile from some of the war correspondents who are trying to get close enough to the front to secure some accurate war news, I was unable to send my regular weekly dispatch. It seems that this gas was hidden close to the wireless telegraph station and in bursting so convulsed the operator and his assistants, that the messages sent were so interspersed with howls and shrieks that all of the great news centers of the world were convinced that there had been a great Russian or Japanese defeat, the balance of time has occupied the wireless cable in explaining the cause and removing the ha haws from the line, hence the delay.

I received a message from Papa Ross this morning, which read as follows:

"We handed the Wiley Allens 'de dope'. Score 4 to 5. Would have been defeated as our 'dope can' was almost empty, but by careful handling we managed to save enough of that useful article which they handed to us in the fore part of the game to win out."

PETE MUSHAWAY.

## RODEO SOCIAL CLUB DANCE.

The Rodeo Social Club gave a very enjoyable ball at their hall in Rodeo last Saturday evening. Mr. J. H. Johnson with the assistance of Mr. W. Stewart managed the affair successfully. The attendance from Hercules was large and all speak highly of the affair. A collation was served at midnight, as only Rodeo ladies know how to prepare. The music was furnished by Casad's orchestra and was well rendered. The committees under whose management the dance was so successfully given were: Reception, Manuel Joseph, T. Higuera, and Herman Koppen; floor committee, R. Delmonte, F. Higuera and J. DeAuralia.

Last Sunday's game of baseball at Hercules was very exciting, and for a time things looked blue for the home team. The Hercules team are playing good ball and should be supported in their efforts by a much better attendance in the grand stands. Turn out everybody next Sunday.

Andy Ashenfelter is circulating a petition to have the S. P. No. 49 train stop at Pinole at 11:11 a. m. Saturdays.

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| 54 " " ".....                       | " \$15.00 now \$8.35            |
| 21 " Men's Cravonet Overcoats.....  | " \$15.00 now \$8.45            |
| 160 pairs Men's Shoes.....          | " \$2.50 now \$1.95             |

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